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**Lake Balboa Man Charged with Shooting Death of  
Sister-in-Law, Police Pursuit on 405 Freeway**

A Lake Balboa man who led police on a pursuit that ended on the 405 Freeway was charged today with murder for shooting his sister-in-law, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Marcos Tulio Flores, akas Beast and Hyper, (dob 5/25/84) now faces one count each of willful, deliberate and premeditated murder, criminal threats, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly, possession of a firearm by a felon and discharge of firearm with gross negligence and two counts of assault with a firearm.

Deputy District Attorneys Todd Zink and Ranna Jahanshahi are assigned to case LA085151. The criminal complaint includes allegations that the defendant used a handgun.

Flores pleaded not guilty to the charges today and is scheduled back on Feb. 21 in Department 112 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Flores allegedly shot his estranged wife's sister, Sulma Flores, 36, and threatened his wife and family with a gun at their Van Nuys residence on Jan. 8, the prosecutors said.

The following evening, police allegedly spotted the defendant who refused to stop and led officers on a pursuit for more than an hour, the prosecutors added. During the pursuit, Flores is charged with shooting his gun. The defendant was stopped and arrested on the 405 Freeway in Westwood.

Sulma Flores died on Jan. 14.

Bail was set at more than \$3.3 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 84 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, West Valley Division.

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